

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 883

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to adjust the fee for collecting specimens for clinical diagnostic laboratory tests under the Medicare Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 2003

Mr. ENGLISH (for himself and Mr. DEUTSCH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Laboratory
5 Services Access Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADJUSTMENT IN MEDICARE LABORATORY SPECI-**
2 **MEN COLLECTION FEE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(h) of the Social Se-
4 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(h)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (3)(A), by inserting “in
6 the amount specified in paragraph (8)” after “a
7 nominal fee”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new
9 paragraph:

10 “(8) The amount specified in this paragraph, for the
11 nominal fee under paragraph (3)(A) for tests performed
12 in—

13 “(A) 2004, is \$5.42; or

14 “(B) a subsequent year, is the amount specified
15 in this paragraph for tests performed in the pre-
16 ceding year adjusted by the annual percentage in-
17 crease or decrease in the Consumer Price Index for
18 All Urban Consumers (United States city average).”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
20 subsection (a) shall apply to fees for tests performed on
21 or after January 1, 2004.

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